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# Newsletter

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### Thanks

- .. To Simon Mehrtens, Murray Mortimer and team for a highly successful trail bike ride.
- .. To those parents brave enough to put their names forward for the forthcoming Board election.

### People of the week

- .. Sheryn Comrie who received a Local Heroes medal as part of the inaugural New Zealander of the Year Awards for her 22 years of work for SPELD Northland and her involvement with the Kamo Girl's Brigade
- .. Trent for gallantly changing a tyre for one of our parents
- .. Samuel and Andrew who have done such a great job this week looking after some of our new students
- .. Brooke - Player of the Day at soccer last weekend. Well done Brooke!

### Our virtue for the first half of term

- .. is **ORDERLINESS**. . Please find support material attached.
- As with all of our virtues we ask parents to please ..
- .. take the time to discuss this material with their child(ren) at home
- .. discuss times when you have / do apply this virtue in your own lives
- .. seek out some opportunities for application over the next few weeks.
- .. advise us of your successes so that we can share these with others

### Speed Limit in the School Zone

A reminder about the speed recommendations around the school. There was potentially a very dangerous incident this week when a parent was dropping her boys off in the bottom car park. While turning right into the bus bay a silver car came around the corner so fast she had to accelerate to get across the road to avoid being hit. This car was well above the speed limit. Please watch your speed.

### Working Bee

A working bee will be held 9:00 to 12:00 on Sunday 16 May to tidy up a few areas around the school. If you can possibly spend an hour or three helping out please pencil in this date. Next week we will advise a list of tasks so you know what tools to bring with you. If you think you might make it please give the office a call.

think... **SOLD!**

think yellow,  
think...

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### **Term Calendar**

Further dates to be advised as these come to hand.

28 April	Distribution of voting papers for board election
30 April	Year 4-6 Ripper Rugby Tournament
7 May	BoT polling day
7 May	Term headlice inspection
11 May	Mobile Ear Clinic - Bush Road Medical Centre
14 May	New board takes office
28 May	Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournament
28 May	Year 8 girls HPV vaccination 2
2 June	Senior Rock Wall Climbing - Taurikura
8 June	Mobile Ear Clinic - Bush Road Medical Centre
9 June	International Schools Science Competition
15 June	Year 4 to 6 Winter Sports Tournament
23 June	Year 7 and 8 Ten Pin Bowling
28-30 June	School Science Fair
28 June	Mid-year Interviews (3:00 PM to 8:00 PM)
29 June	Mid Year Interviews (3:00 PM to 5:00 PM)
2 July	Final day of term 2

### **Board Annual Meeting**

Will be held 6:00 PM Tuesday 11 May.

### **Rippa Rugby Tournament (Year 5 and 6)**

Consents for this tournament were sent home today with all year 5 and 6 children. Tournaments will be held 30 April and 23 July starting at 9:45 and finishing at 2:00 PM with a semi final for qualifying teams on 15 October. Children will travel by bus to these events with costs met from the events fee paid earlier in the year. Please advise Mrs Witte early next week if you would like to accompany our teams or if you would like to be involved in coaching. Thank you for your support.

### **Arrival and Pickup Times for Children**

For reasons of safety parents are asked to ensure that children ..

.. are dropped at school no earlier than 8.00am in the morning

.. are picked up no later than 3:30 PM (non-bus children only)

A very high quality After School Care Programme exists for non-bus children remaining at school beyond 3:30pm.

### **Term Headlice Inspection**

If you are able to assist with this term's inspection please phone Donna Cates in the office. In the meantime parents are asked to check children's hair weekly and to take prompt action in the event of infestation.

### **School T-Shirts/Polar Fleece**

As part of school policy, all children are required to wear a School T-Shirt whenever they attend events away from school. A large number of shirts have not been returned, could you please check your child's drawers/wardrobe & send back promptly any borrowed school shirts. T-Shirts and polar fleeces can be purchased from the office as follows:

T Shirts	Size 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	\$20.00
	Size 14	\$21.50
	Size 16+	\$23.00
Polar Fleece	Size 5, 7	\$33.00
	Size 8-16	\$38.00

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Forms were issued earlier this week. Orders and payments are due back to the office by 7 May 2010.

### **PTA Friday Lunches**

.. start next week. Please find the term order form attached. Weekly orders must be in no later than Tuesday of the week in question. If you are able to help heat or distribute pies on a Friday morning please contact Michelle Martin on 433 5061. It would take 30-40 minutes of your time. Thank you.

### **Bible in Schools Programme**

The Bible in Schools Programme commences next week and will run Mondays 9:05 to 9:35 until year's end. Children exempt from the programme last year will be exempt this year unless parents request their re-inclusion. These children will be provided with work in an area of need and will be assisted by a supervising teacher. Please advise your child's teacher if you are particularly keen for them to work in a particular area.

### **Trail Ride Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets. We have raised \$1800 from the sale of tickets and this helps with covering the expenses of running the trail ride.

Congratulations to the winners were drawn today under police supervision... and the winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - \$200 voucher Yamaha Whangarei Motorcycles - Grant Wilson - Ticket #1069.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$100 voucher Okara Superliquor - James Lucas - Ticket #0428.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - Stanley combination socket set, donated by Donovans Tradezone - Edwin Smith - Ticket #1185
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize - Stanley combination socket set, donated by Donovans Tradezone - Olivia & Mel Attwood - Ticket #0060

### **Incidents at school**

A gentle reminder to resist any temptation to sort issues between students at school. This is the job of the school (we are actually pretty experienced in this role) and so please refer any matters of concern to your child's teacher. We promise to be prompt, fair and objective in our dealings with such issues and are happy to advise you of our findings and of our plan of action. All children involved in disputes with other children automatically have the option of (at least) weekly follow-up by a staff member which continues until they feel the issue has been resolved.

### **Community Notices**

For Sale - Large Family Executive Home, 80 Tudehope Rd, 3/4 bedrooms - lots of extras. Phone Nicky on 021 1518382 or 433 5668.

For Sale - Guinea Fowl \$15 each. Contact Sue on 4335606

Wanted - 6 months full time dairy farm work. Farm hand wanted 680 spring calving cows. 50 bale rotary. ACRs. Rostered time off. 3 other full time staff members. Milking, general farm duties and assist with calf rearing. 9kms from school (Otakairangi Rd). Start early July end mid January. Possible relief milking following end date. Ph Greig or Paula Powell 433 5141.

9Up - Games Night for children aged between 9 & 13. Kamo Hall. First night 23 April 2010 @ 7.00pm. \$2 per child entry. Light supper provided.

Dance Inc Northland offering limited places in ballet, jazz, contemporary, musical theatre and tap dancing. For ages 2 yrs and over. Ph 4308806 or email [danceincnorthland@gmail.com](mailto:danceincnorthland@gmail.com).

Black Ram for Sale - call Chris for more information - tel 433 5099.

### **Board Election**

Nominations closed lunchtime today. Polling day is 7 May.

### **Congratulations ..**

.. to Mrs Burgin who is expecting a child in mid-September. Mrs Burgin will remain in her teaching position until late in term 3. We are currently working to ensure a suitable replacement and assure the parents of room 7 children of a smooth transition. Mrs Burgin will make a great mum.

### **Final thought**

Welcome to the new term. We have a very busy term ahead including our school science fair, preliminary work on our school production (watch this space), the start of our new junior block and admin upgrade, mid year interviews and, of course, a new Board. Drop by with any questions and please get involved to whatever degree you feel comfortable. A special welcome to new families.

Regards  
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